

YOUTH SERVICES POLICY

Title: Cooperation with Other Agencies Next Annual Review Date: 01/04/2013	Type: D. Community Based Services Sub Type: 1. Administration and Management Number: D.1.5
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References: La. R.S. 15:836 and 46:1906.2 and ACA Standards 2-7016, 2-7017 (Juvenile Probation and Aftercare Services)	
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I. AUTHORITY:

Deputy Secretary of Youth Services as contained in La. R.S. 36:405. Deviation from this policy must be approved by the Deputy Secretary.

II. PURPOSE:

To establish procedures for cooperation with other agencies by supporting furtherance of Youth Services, Office of Juvenile Justice overall goals, objectives and mission.

III. APPLICABILITY:

Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Undersecretary, Deputy Assistant Secretaries, Facility Directors and Regional Managers.

IV. DEFINITIONS:

Agency - Youth Services (YS), Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ).

Community-Based Services (CBS) - formerly known as the Division of Youth Services, including the regional probation and parole offices located throughout the state.

V. POLICY:

It is the Deputy Secretary's policy for Community Based Services (CBS) to cooperate with all Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, as well as other youth servicing agencies in order to more effectively accomplish its mission at both the state and regional level.

VI. PROCEDURES:

A. YS, OJJ shall participate in and serve on committees composed of representatives of state and local agencies, such as the Children's Cabinet and the Board of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

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- B. YS, OJJ shall enter into Interagency Agreements with other agencies, such as the Department of Children and Family Services to coordinate and develop more effective programs for youth.
- C. Regional Managers, or designee, shall participate in local planning boards, committees, etc., as appropriate. He/she shall maintain a working relationship with all other local agencies and courts involved in the juvenile justice system.
- D. YS, OJJ shall collaborate with other justice systems and human service agencies in information gathering, exchange and standardization. Information sharing must be done in a manner to protect the confidentiality of youth (Refer to YS Policy A.5.1).

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Attachments/References: